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## DETRACTION OF WEST VIRGINIA

FAVORITE INDOOR SPORT ON PART OF TRAVELING PRO-VINCIALS BEGAN IN 1824

### RARE OLD LIBEL DISCOVERED

It has been a matter of considerable importance to know how early the great events of local history found a place in print. Tradition is the essence of truth but it is woefully wrong about the rest of the mixture. Up to this time the books that had come under my notice—the oldest so far as local history was concerned, was Withers' *Border Warfare* published in 1830. Howe's *Virginia* was published in 1842. I have always been inclined to give Withers the highest place for the reason that he was a mature man when he was writing and must have talked to many of the Revolutionary Soldiers and Indian fighters.

My attention has recently been called to a volume of 392 pages, printed in 1826, entitled *Sketches of History, Life, and Manners in the United States by a Traveller*. It bears no name of author or publisher, but it appears to have been printed in New Haven.

The first hundred pages of the book contain an account of a trip from Huntsville, Alabama, to Alexandria, D. C., in the course of which he passed through West Virginia.

I could not tell who wrote the book. It is highly offensive to the people among whom he visited, and who let him escape unscathed. This unlovely trait has been fully developed in the travelling provincial who speaks as an authority concerning the country he passed through casually. It is an exceedingly bad tempered book. That part of the volume devoted to this section is headed "West Virginia" as though the States had already been divided.

It is apparent that the author of that book was a man of mature years for he speaks of having lived in Staunton in 1787, and have been old enough to take interest in history at that time.

It was on this trip as an old man that he saw his first oyster. In Kanawha county, he saw the Burning Springs and wonders that air should burn. He knew nothing of natural gas—not even the term. Turn a provincial loose for the first time, even though that provincial has been confined to the corporate limits of a city as big as New York, and he is apt to disapprove of all the manners, customs, morals, and styles that do not measure up to the standards set by the snub nose vogues of his own home town.

It is an awkward term to refer continually to him as the author of the book, so the party will hereinafter be designated by the appropriate name of Ananias.

Ananias was the first to backguard West Virginia. He started the favorite indoor sport of reviling the mountain man.

Ananias was feeble, and he had been told that there was balm in West Virginia in the form of mineral springs and he journeyed thither.

He comes into Virginia by way of Washington county, Virginia, and he spits venom in the opening lines. He notes three things peculiar to the proud State that he is to visit. They are: Hasters, fleas and the soft acre.

As to the natural children, that was none of his business. The soft accent that he admired is their own. As to the fleas that took to him, if he had been better versed in science, he would not have given away the loathsome secret that he was parent to these parasites, for while some persons cannot help attracting fleas, it is the last thing that they should admit. And it is no cause of boasting. As Ananias navelly admits that he was infested with fleas, and made history of the fact, we will pass it along for what it is worth. Now do not get your back up if you are flea bitten, for I have known many fine people to be bitten by fleas. Ananias tells of another flea parent he met at a tavern. They had something in common. This other was a Frenchman, and his method of hunting fleas was to pretend to fall asleep. Then the fleas thinking it safe would bite and the sleeper would slap.

It is not very plain which one of the numerous watering places in Monroe, Ananias honored with his presence, but he went to the country seat, and calls it a poor little village.

Speaking of this section generally, he says:

This bleak, inhospitable, and dreary country, remote from commerce and navigation, destitute of arts, taste, and refinement, derives great advantage from these Springs. Thousands of dollars are left here annually by those wealthy visitors, and in the meantime, as they are mostly people of taste and refinement, they bring a fund of amusement and instruction home to the doors of its inhabitants.

True then as now. Also some rare specimens of hobnailed livers. Also some whose only mission is to syphilize the country.

Not getting much better of his ailments at the Springs, Ananias left for the west. He passed through the Savannahs of Greenbrier county. After crossing Greenbrier River he observed the Savannahs. I find here corroboration of the theory that I advanced some years ago that in and about Lewisburg there were no forests.

He says that there were no trees on the Savannahs but that they were covered with luxuriant grass and a small shrub which sheltered the grass and protected it from the drying heat of the summer and the freezing cold in the winter.

The Savannahs disappeared by the time Sewell mountain was reached. He records Sewell's experience at Marlinton but says his campmate was Carver, instead of Marlin.

He notes the absence of forests on the mountains which coincides with the tradition that the Indians kept the country burned off and that most of our fine West Virginia timber grew after the expulsion of the Indians.

He arrived at the Burning Springs of Kanawha county and found them burning. There were seven vents each about the size of the little finger—round holes as though bored with a spike gimlet.

One was not burning and from that one he noticed that the air that issued had a nauseous smell, something like wipings of a fowl gun, but much more unsupportable. Boatmen used the times to boil meat for their camps. The flame was about two feet high and would burn for months if not extinguished by rain. He called it burning air. "It is the air that burns," he says. "No opinion has been expressed respecting this phenomenon, or any pains taken to ascertain the nature or cause of its existence."

It is apparent that he had no conception of that great element known as natural gas which has brought so much wealth to West Virginia.

The salt works which had first been operated by the Indians were in full blast, Col. David Ruffner having established them. He records the fact that the Kanawha salt is very much stronger than other salt on the market, and that in Alabama he had observed that bacon cured with Kanawha salt kept well, while that in which other salt had been used did not keep at all.

He says that owing to the fact that the canal was about to be built along this river that he had been at pains to pick up everything concerning it.

He talked with soldiers who had fought at the battle of the Point fifty years before.

Among others he talked with Ann Bailey, who carried gunpowder to the army at the Point, or Fort Randolph. He found her very poor, almost naked. She begged for a dram which Ananias gave her.

Charleston was a town of four stores, two taverns, a court-house, a jail, an academy, a postoffice, and a printing press.

Lewisburg is recorded as having a handsome stone courthouse and jail, two clerks offices, two churches, one for Presbyterians, (which is still standing) one for Methodist, one academy for young men, one for

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On October 21, 1925, William C. Hiner of Mt. Grove, and Miss Lella Maud Sheets of Elkins, were united in marriage by Rev. S. A. F. Wagner, at the Warm Springs parsonage. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hiner, accompanied by their niece, Miss Ethel Hiner, left for a trip to Highland county, after which they will make their future home at Mt. Grove. We wish them a long and happy life.

Married, at Marlinton, October 30, 1925, by Rev. S. K. Neel, Oliver Lewis Herring, of Elmore county, Alabama, and Miss Anna Frances Clark, of Hillsboro, W. Va.

Town Council met in monthly session on Monday night with all members present. The meeting was devoted to the regular routine of business.

## GAME NOTES

The Aldermans and Ryders, on North Fork of Anthony's Creek, killed a fine two year old bear near the home of Clarence Ryder Saturday. A party of hunters from Minnehaha Springs were following this bear, but they started too far back on his trail.

There is good meat in the Alleghenies and the bears are coming in to it. Forrest Shitabery saw a big bear on the Collins place near Huntersville last week. He put his dogs on it and they ran it until dark, but the hunters did not come up to it.

A big bear was seen in the road at the Stove Hill, between Minnehaha and Rimal, one night last week. The signs of three bears were seen in the snow just over the State line on Little Back Creek. Dogs were put on these tracks, but no big dog got any bear.

Dogs killed a fine buck fawn near the farm of Sherman Pyles, at Watoga last Monday. Several years ago a buck and a doe took up their abode around the farms in this community. The first year there was one fawn and it is now a good sized deer. Last year there were two fawns. One of these killed itself by falling over a cliff onto the railroad track. The four deer come through last winter all right, and there were two more fawns this spring. Dogs caught one of them last week, and now the deer number five. The people of the Riverside community take a lively interest and pride in these deer, in spite of the fact that they are rather destructive to garden and other crops.

Somebody killed a four snag buck in the woods east of the Tunnel below Cloverick last Saturday. Game Protector Davis Aldridge was so close to the law breakers that they had to throw down the deer, and run. Mr. Aldridge brought the deer to town, and it was cut up at McElwen's meat market and sold at auction on Monday afternoon. Old time hunters put the deer in the two year old class and a small one at that, in spite of his fine large branching antlers with four points to the beam. This deer was killed near the southern boundary of the State Game Reserve. Mr. Aldridge is the keeper of this game reservation. Last Saturday there was a fine deer tracking snow, and he was in the woods. He came on the hunters tracks, and he followed them. A number of deer trails were passed over by the hunters, as the tracks lead toward the Reserve. Finally they come to a deer track going away from the State lands and they took after it. Some of the hunters went to deer crossings and one drove it. Shots were heard, and Mr. Aldridge soon came up to where the deer had been killed and drawn. He followed on, and soon came to the carcass of the deer. The law-breakers had evidently seen the officers first. They scattered, and Mr. Aldridge brought the deer to town.

Ed Ray killed a two year old bear on Spruce Flat Monday afternoon. He was hunting squirrels and the bear came by and he killed it. It weighed 160 pounds.

C. P. Collins, of Knapps Creek, was in town Saturday. He is preparing to go to Florida, to spend the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Jones, at Sanford. Mr. Collins said that in the history of some of the schools of Pocahontas county prepared by the students of the Elray District High School and published in the *Pocahontas Times* last summer, they did not go far enough back in regard to the teachers of the Moore school on Back Allegheny, near Hosterman. The first teachers of this school were given as J. F. Hively and W. R. Sutton. Mr. Collins first went to this school 58 years ago. It was then in a log house. Ron Humphreys was the first teacher. He had but one leg. Then there was Risky Hartman of Greenbank. Other teachers he remembers of the school were S. L. Brown, Mrs. S. L. Brown, Walter P. Campbell, Miss Annie Woodell and Oscar Sharp.

The brick house over the water plant has been completed. The water wheel in the month it has been running has saved one car of coal at the light plant. The water plant will cost complete in the neighborhood of \$14,000. The monthly saving on coal alone will pay for its installation in four or five years. In addition there is the consideration of an unlimited supply of fine water for all purposes at all times.

Workmen are putting in the fine marble sitting in the Farmers and Merchants Bank. This will be one of the finest banking rooms in this part of the State.

## COUNTY COURT

County Court was in special session Tuesday with Commissioners E. H. Williams, J. L. McNeel and H. H. Hudson, present.

G. W. Mann qualified an administrator of the estate of Mrs. Phoebe A. Mann. A. N. Harlow, John D. Gay and A. C. Pifer appointed appraisers.

Harper M. Smith recommended for appointment as notary public. Settlement of T. D. Moore, administrator of the estate of G. C. Moore, deceased.

J. P. Townsend resigned as justice of the peace in Greenbank District. J. L. Hudson was appointed in his place and stead.

A lot of accounts were audited and allowed.

### MRS. NANNIE A. HEVENER

Mrs. Nannie A. Hevener, wife of Uriah Hevener, deceased, was born August 20, 1858 and died October 21, 1925. She was the mother of one son, Uriah Jr. Her husband and her son will live long in the memory of the people of Pocahontas county. They were wealthy but their wealth was not all in money and lands. They were rich toward their fellowmen. Their hearts went out in interest and sympathy and helpfulness to men in all walks of life. Mrs. Hevener emulated the spirit of her generous hearted husband and son. A prominent characteristic was her open handed, warm hearted spirit to help the needy. The spirit of the Master who went about doing good was upon her. No one knows or ever will know the multitude of people she has helped financially and the number of sick people throughout the community she has cheered by her visits at which times she carried with her flowers or some dainties she had prepared with her own hands. She preferred to spend her whole life in diligent and unrelenting service for others.

It was always a delight to visit her home and be greeted with the genial hearty welcome which awaited one there. She possessed industry, energy and courage; she was a woman of strong personality, yet mild and gentle. By her example and influence men and women have been made better and stronger. Hers was a great and useful life—great in help and loving service to the sick, discouraged and needy; great in loyalty, sympathy and interest in her large circle of friends; great in her love and devotion to her church. She united with the M. E. Church, South at Greenbank, December 15, 1891 under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Ballengee. She loved her church and gave evidence of her love not only by her liberal contributions but also by her untiring and whole-hearted activities in the Ladies' Aid and Woman's Missionary Society. She was a great asset in her church community and her passing is a definite loss.

Mrs. Hevener was a close and diligent student of the Bible. She knew her Book and magnified its teachings in her exemplary life. Her definite Christian faith was her comfort and assurance during her final illness. One of her friends while visiting her at the hospital asked her if there was anything she could do for her. She replied, "No, I just want you to pray for me. I am trusting in Jesus". In this faith she died October 21. The funeral service was conducted October 23 at ten o'clock at the Arbovale Methodist Church by her pastor, Rev. L. S. Shires, assisted by Rev. Mr. Greynolds. The large congregation present at the funeral was an expression of the very high esteem in which she was held by all classes of people. The pallbearers were her grandsons, Dr. U. H. Hannah, Geo. Hannah, Joe Hannah, John Hannah, Paul Hevener and John Hevener. Her little grandson, Howard Hevener, was honorary pallbearer. Her body was laid to rest in the Arbovale cemetery. Just a little way ahead she had gone to make the heavenly home, as she did the earthly one, because of her presence. She was a superior woman and the memory of her is precious. L. S. S.

## CHURCH NOTES

### MARLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Harvey H. Orr, Pastor.  
Bible School 9:45  
4:30 p. m. Junior Christian Endeavor  
6:45 p. m. Senior Christian Endeavor  
Alfred Edgar, leader  
11:00 a. m. "The Law of Hate"  
7:30 p. m. Redemption

Rev. J. C. Johnson, of Hillsboro, Rev. Fred W. Gray, of Cass and Rev. H. H. Orr of Marlinton attended the called meeting of Greenbrier Presbytery at Ronceverte on Tuesday. Mr. Dewey Newton who supplied the work at Buckeye one summer was licensed and ordained as an Evangelist. He is working in Greenbrier County.

### MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. S. R. Neel, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:15 a. m.  
A. S. Overholt, Supr.  
6:00 Junior Epworth League  
6:45 p. m. Epworth League  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer and praise service Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all.

The Woman's Auxiliary will have their annual Home Mission Study Class on Monday and Tuesday November 16th and 17th.

Sunday School attendance at the Methodist Church last Sunday, 260; at the Presbyterian 181.

Rev. G. W. Richardson, the newly appointed presiding elder of the Lewisburg District, will hold the third quarterly conference of the Marlinton Methodist Church on Friday at 7:30 p. m., at the church.

The Junior Missionary Society will meet at the parsonage Friday after school to observe their annual week of prayer. An offering will be taken for our mission schools.

Revival services will begin at the Methodist Church, Marlinton on Sunday, November 15th. Rev. E. C. Meeks, a pastor evangelist from Ronceverte, will do the preaching. He is an able preacher and an experienced evangelist. The people of the county are invited to attend these services and get the benefit of the evangelist's helpful messages. A full schedule of services will be published later.

Rev. H. H. Orr, and Dr. J. E. Flow went to Ronceverte Tuesday to attend a called meeting of the Greenbrier Presbytery.

The first quarterly meeting of the Elray charge will be held at West Union on Thursday, November 12, at two o'clock p. m. by the District Superintendent Rev. J. E. Wells. Business session following the sermon. Let all the officials be present. N. S. Hill, Pastor.

The Dunmore Woman's Missionary Society and the Greenbank Society will meet at the parsonage Saturday, November 7, at 9:30 a. m. to spend the day in mission study. The book to be studied is "Women and Missions."

Rev. L. S. Shires will preach at Greenbank next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and at Wesley Chapel at three in the afternoon. There will be no preaching at Dunmore Sunday night.

Rev. G. W. Richardson, who has recently been appointed presiding elder of the Lewisburg District, will hold the third quarterly meeting for the Greenbank charge at Cass, Sunday, November 8th. He will preach at 7:30 p. m. and hold the conference after the preaching service. A full attendance of the members of the conference is requested.

The pageant, "Spirit of Childhood," given by the children of the Junior Missionary Society of the Marlinton Methodist Church, last Sunday evening was a pronounced success. Its success was accorded by the many who witnessed it. The pageant was given at the evening preaching hour and the auditorium of the church was filled to capacity. This event marked the opening of the Week of Prayer for the Woman's Missionary Society. The children had been well trained by Mrs. S. R. Neel, and rendered the pageant with most pleasing and impressive effect.

A. H. Lightner and his brother George Lightner, specialized in tobacco at their farm near Buckeye this year. They sent to this office a leaf that is 18 inches broad and nearly 36 inches long. It is beautifully colored and cured. Stalks grew six feet high and more. It is a Connecticut wrapper tobacco.

There will be a pie supper at Caesar Mountain school house for the benefit of the Sunday school at that place on Saturday, November 7, 1925, beginning at 6 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come and help in this good cause. Committee.

## ATWATER KENT RADIO

DOES full justice to the splendid music that is being broadcast these evenings. Drop in for a demonstration and judge for yourself.

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Marlinton, West Virginia

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LEWISBURG, W. VA.

A. P. EDGAR, Local Representative.

## E. D. H. S. NEWS

The chapel program last Wednesday was conducted by C. W. Price, who told about the history of Pocahontas county.

The first number of the Lyceum made its appearance at the Seneca Theatre Thursday night, October 29. Charles Cox and Co. were the entertainers and judging from the applause every one enjoyed the evening. The Lyceum is bigger and better this year than ever before. If you don't have a ticket you'd better "procure" one as Mr. Cox says.

Gheenbank and E. D. H. S. played another scoreless game at Greenbank. Passes were used without much success because of the wet field. Cassell Ervine and Taylor starred for Greenbank. Aldridge, Gay, Edgar and Mann starred for E. D. H. S. Greenbank plays Marlinton this coming Saturday at the Fair Grounds. Come and boost your team.

The Senior class had a most enjoyable masquerade party Saturday night. Babe Wilson, a member of the class, kindly offered to have the party at her home and the decoration of pumpkins and yellow lights made a most attractive background for the gay costumes of the masquers. Games were enjoyed until a late hour when punch and cookies were served. The class certainly appreciate Dr. and Mrs. Wilson's hospitality and publicly thank them.

The Civics class is now being organized into a state legislature with the different officials, senators and representatives.

### MRS. LUCY GAY DEAD

Mrs. Lucy Gay died at her home in Marlinton on Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, November 4, 1925. She has been ill many months. Her age was about 70 years. Mrs. Gay was the widow of the late Col. Levi Gay. The funeral services will be on Friday afternoon at 1:30.

## SENECA THEATRE

### PROGRAM

THURSDAY  
Constance Talmadge and Antonio Moreno in "Learning To Love"  
Here is a new one with Connie playing the laughs for all they are worth. You'll like it.

FRIDAY  
All-Star Cast in "The Love Hour"  
Another good comedy drama. Also a good two reel Western.

SATURDAY  
Jose Sedgwick The Great Female Western Star in "The Web"  
A Western with plenty of action. Also Sunshine Comedy: Stop Look and Whistle.

MONDAY  
James Kirrwood-Edna Murphy-Edmund Breese in "The Police Patrol"  
The Police Patrol has everything a good picture needs. Story-cast-direction. It's good.

TUESDAY  
Tom Mix and Tony in "Riders of the Purple Sage"  
What a combination Tom Mix and Tony in one of Zane Grey's great stories. You just cannot afford to miss this one.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
The greatest crook picture since "The Miracle Man-The Streets of Forgotten Men"  
Featuring Percy Marmont, Neil Hamilton and Mary Brian.  
This is a picture that will tug at your heart strings.  
Watch for Harold Bell Wright's newest story in pictures "Son Of His Father."  
Coming Nov. 18th.

Married, November 3, 1925 by Rev. S. R. Neel, Mr. James W. McCarty, of near Dunmore and Miss Eva Mae McCarty, of Locust Creek near Hillsboro.

## DRESSED TURKEYS WANTED

You FARMERS and POULTRY SHIPPERS are doing yourself an injustice, unless you are earnestly seeking reliable information on where to market your THANKSGIVING TURKEYS. Even a small shipment will net a neat sum of money; then why not take precaution in the final sale of your flock—this we most desire.

We are not quoting unheard of prices for Thanksgiving in order to get your business. However we do conscientiously expect a good market for well matured, fattened and nicely dressed turkeys—A market that is seldom bettered elsewhere.

Our immense Plant, extending thru an entire block, giving us two outlets, is now tuning up to handle a record volume of business. Please ask your BANKER our financial rating or better still neighbors who have shipped to us and you will rightly decide to send your Thanksgiving shipment to Frank Hellerick & Co., the firm of "Efficiency" and the "Clearing House" of the poultry industry of Philadelphia.

We emphasize shipping only full grown and fattened turkeys for Thanksgiving, holding poor stock until later markets. You will absolutely lose money to ship to any market, thin and poorly dressed poultry. Have your shipment, a single barrel or carload lot arrive November 18th to 22nd, depending on weather and our promise of a big check is backed by our priceless reputation for forty-five years of square and upright dealing.

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GAY'S STUDIO

MARLINTON, W. VA.

## Pale, Tired Mothers Should Beware of Chronic Fatigue

Many a discouraged mother thinks that her thin, pale, tired-out condition is due to exhausting housework and care of children—when as a matter of fact the real cause of all her distressing ailments is chronic fatigue.

Don't confuse chronic fatigue with the ordinary fatigue you feel after a good long walk. Chronic fatigue comes from within. Your organs and muscles have become debilitated due to lack of sufficient organic iron in your blood. To conquer chronic fatigue you must strengthen your system by restoring this organic iron to your blood. But don't take the older mineral iron medicines which many doctors now say do little good. Take organic iron—Nuxated Iron—which is like the iron in your blood and like that in spinach and lentils. Unlike ordinary mineral iron it will not injure the teeth or disturb the stomach, but is promptly assimilated.

Take Nuxated Iron for just two weeks and you'll be astonished how much stronger and better you feel. Money back if not improved. All good druggists.

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